

App. No. 09/846,866

**REMARKS - General**

Examiner states that Carau, Sr. (US 6,651,118) does not disclose password and encryption. Applicant argues that this is novel and unique and it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to apply password and encryption to Carau. This feature is novel to this application as it is extremely important aspect and was not offered in the industry prior. Also applicants have rewritten all claims to define the invention more particularly and distinctly so as to overcome the technical rejections and define the invention patentably over the prior art. Also as the Examiner states Carau does not specifically disclose appliances that automatically logon to said server at regular pre-programmed interval to report their status. Applicant would argue that this would not be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time as Applicant argues that this is novel and unique as it performs functions that were not available prior in the art.

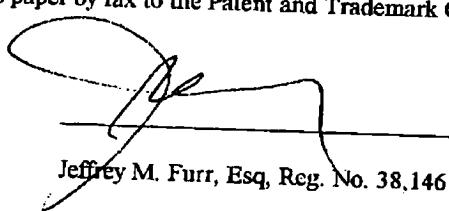
**Conclusion**

For all of the above reasons, applicant submits that the specification and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over prior art. Therefore the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicit.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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